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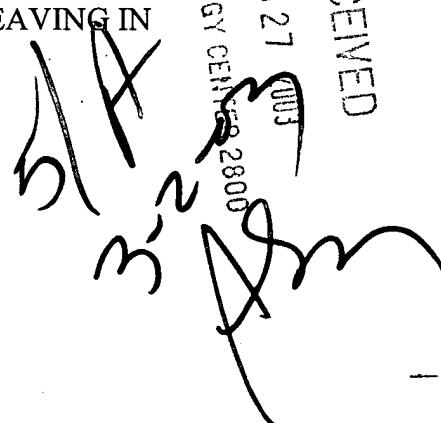
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, please amend the above
identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 24-49 as follows:

24. (new) An interleaver comprising:

a birefringent element assembly comprising at least one spatial birefringent
element, the birefringent element assembly providing two output components;

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